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Applicant	:	Mitsuaki Maeda)	Group Art Unit 2612
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Examiner	:	Samuel J. Walk)	Michael A. Gulsans, Reg. No. 42,611
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated March 17, 2008, Applicants elect Group II (Claims 6-15) for prosecution in the present application.

The present election is being made with traverse. Applicant submits that it is well established that:

If the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without **serious burden**, the examiner **must examine them** on the merits, **even though they include claims to independent or distinct inventions**.

M.P.E.P. § 803 (emphasis added).

The non-elected Groups are directed to theft prevention systems and methods for vehicles, and the elected Group is drawn to a theft prevention method for a motorcycle. A proper search for art related to the elected Group would necessarily include the classes and subclasses relevant to a search for the non-elected Group. Thus, examination of all the claims would not present "a serious burden" on the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the present restriction requirement be withdrawn.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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